

1998, and joined the Regional Public Affairs Office during November 2005, serving as primary liaison between SSA and the offices of federal, state, and local elected officials. Since that time, Linda has been instrumental in the timely resolution of several thousand constituent inquiries, eliminating barriers between our most vulnerable beneficiaries and their essential cash benefits. She was promoted to Public Affairs Specialist during 2015, the position from which she will retire.

Linda's outstanding contributions to the Agency have been recognized with several awards including Deputy Commissioner's Citations, and the New York Regional Management Society's Regional Office Employee of the Year.

Throughout Linda's career, she has brought intelligence, technical savvy, practical knowledge, and a strong commitment to excellence to every assignment.

Madam Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Linda Lauria and her dedication to public service and her community.

RECOGNIZING MICKEY GANITCH

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mickey Ganitch, World War II (WWII) Navy veteran and survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, who celebrated his 100th birthday on November 18, 2019.

Mr. Ganitch proudly refers to his younger self as, "just a country boy from Ohio." He was born into a large family and had 13 brothers and sisters. As a young man, Mr. Ganitch's curiosity resulted in a close following of world events and he began to see the deterioration of the situations in Europe and Asia. His concern about the human condition drove him to join the Navy in January 1941, less than 11 months before the Pearl Harbor attack.

When December 6, 1941 arrived, Mr. Ganitch was going about his business on the USS *Pennsylvania* in a football jersey. He was on the ship's team and was supposed to play a game against those serving on the USS *Arizona* that day. Shortly before a practice, the ship's phone rang, alerting the crew of an incoming attack. With rounds bombarding the ship and its crew, Mr. Ganitch climbed the main mast to the crow's nest. From there he was able to alert the gunners below of further incoming enemies, allowing them to bring them down and saving the lives of those on the decks beneath him.

While his experience in Pearl Harbor was certainly a defining moment in his life, Mr. Ganitch continued to serve throughout WWII and the Korean War. He was later assigned to a recruitment post in Oakland, California, right back where his military career began, before retiring as a Senior Chief Quartermaster on October 10, 1963.

Mr. Ganitch is a fixture in our community. He is immediately recognizable by his vivid and extensive wardrobe of Hawaiian shirts and larger-than-life smile. He was also known for how well he "cut a rug" during the musical

numbers at every Veterans Day event. Even today, Mr. Ganitch devotes his time to volunteering with veterans' organizations in the Bay Area and educating school children about the war in an effort to never let the events at Pearl Harbor be forgotten.

I thank Mr. Ganitch for his selfless service to our country. I hope to continue learning from his example of a century-long life well-lived.

CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROFESSOR KASTURI RANGAN

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Professor Kasturi Rangan of the Harvard Business School on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Professor Rangan began his education by receiving a Bachelor of Technology degree from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in 1971, and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad in 1973. He then held a number of marketing positions for large corporations in India before receiving a Ph.D. in marketing from Northwestern in 1983.

After receiving his Ph.D. Professor Rangan joined the faculty of the Harvard Business School in 1983 as a marketing professor. He served as the chair of the Marketing Department from 1998–2002 and is currently the chairman of the Harvard Social Enterprise Initiative. He has taught first-year core classes, second-year electives, and in the upper level Advanced Management Program for senior managers. Professor Rangan has also received multiple academic awards over the course of his career, including the 2002 Editors' Prize for the Best Scholarly Paper and the 2014 Case Centre Award in Economics, Politics and Business Environment.

Along with his extensive teaching credentials, Professor Rangan has co-authored ten books and dozens of scholarly articles published in academic journals. One of his recent case studies titled "Performance Marketing in the Digital Age" looks at Gupta Media, a group started by Gogi Gupta who is a close friend of Professor Rangan and from Western New York. His active interest in the continual improvement of marketing and management strategies makes Professor Rangan an invaluable asset to the business community, and an individual whose impact is felt in many communities including my own.

Professor Rangan has actively researched the role of marketing in nonprofit organizations, and often focuses on how this marketing impacts adoption of social products and ideas. His goal is to develop models of successful businesses that bring value to the lowest income earners in our modern economy. Specifically, he is attempting to address the needs and wants of the 4.2 billion individuals worldwide who live on less than \$5 a day. This research should be commended for its value in uplifting the most vulnerable members of our society.

Madam Speaker, I take this time to recognize the achievements and contributions of

Professor Kasturi Rangan. We extend our best wishes as he continues to lead the business community in marketing research and developing solutions for economically disadvantaged individuals.

CONGRATULATING DORRIE MERLUZZI ON RECEIPT OF THE AMBASSADORS AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Dorrie Merluzzi of Palmerton on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's (CCEDC) Ambassadors Award.

The Ambassadors Award recognizes an outstanding individual dedicated to supporting the local chamber through organizing and attending events, assisting staff, and serving as the backbone of the organization. Ambassadors selflessly give their time and talents to embody the Chamber's tireless spirit and cultivate a stronger community. Dorinda Merluzzi demonstrates all these qualities in her service to the Chamber and to our community. Always willing to lend a helping hand with a cheerful and calming presence, her leadership, direction, and motivation has set a tremendous example for other Ambassadors.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dorrie Merluzzi on this great honor and thank her for their commitment to strengthening our community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF PETE SZYMANSKI

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to extend my deepest sympathies to the family of Pete Szymanski who we lost unexpectedly earlier this year. Pete was an extraordinary soul whose kind heart and generosity touched the lives of many.

Pete was a dedicated member of our military having served as a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps and served on active duty at the Detroit Arsenal in Michigan as well as the Army Reserve. Following his active duty service, Pete began a 33-year civilian career with the Army at the Detroit Arsenal before moving to the Stratford Army Engine Plant (SAEP) where he served for 22 years, retiring just this past February. It was through the SAEP that I had the opportunity to meet Pete. He was Army Installation Manager and, though the property was closed many years ago through a Base Realignment and Closure process, Pete remained at the site, hoping to see the property transferred for redevelopment before his retirement. Unfortunately, we are still working towards that goal. I would be remiss if I did not extend a special